



# FY2023 HUD-VASH Mid-Cycle Registration of Interest

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# HUD-VASH Background



## A brief history

The goal to end veteran's homelessness calls for coordinated, collaborative efforts with community partners, including local, state, and federal government agencies.

HUD-VASH vouchers are authorized under section 8(o)(19) of the US Housing Act of 1937, as modified by the requirements in The Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328, approved December 29, 2022) (the 2023 Act).

HUD-VASH is administered in partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and enables homeless veterans and their families to access safe affordable housing with an array of services.



# — HUD-VASH Background

## A brief history cont.

HUD VASH is the nation's largest supported permanent housing initiative and combines HUD Housing Choice Vouchers with VA case management services that promote and support housing stability.

Since FY 2008, Congress has provided new funding annually for additional HUD-VASH vouchers. Every year, communities receiving HUD-VASH vouchers are selected based on geographic need, using homeless veteran data provided by HUD and the VA.



# 2023 HUD-VASH Registration of Interest

Announces the availability of \$93 million in HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) funding to support approximately 11,000 new VASH vouchers.

Normal HCV requirements of 24 CFR 982 apply if not waived/no alternative requirement specified.



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OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

**Special Attention of:**  
Directors of HUD Regional and Field  
Offices of Public Housing;  
Agencies that Administer the  
Housing Choice Voucher Program

**Notice PIH 2023-09 (HA)**

Issued: April 10, 2023

Expires: This notice remains in effect until  
amended, superseded, or rescinded.

Cross References: *Section 8 Housing  
Choice Vouchers: Revised Implementation  
of the HUD Veterans Affairs Supportive  
Housing Program* published in the *Federal  
Register* on September 27, 2021

**Subject: 2023 Mid-Year Registration of Interest for HUD-VASH Vouchers**

**1. Purpose.** This notice announces the availability of approximately \$94.4 million in HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH). HUD anticipates that this funding will support approximately 11,000 new HUD-VASH vouchers. These vouchers are administered in partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and enable homeless veterans and their families to access affordable housing with an array of supportive services.

PIH 2023-09

PHAs who currently administer an HCV program that meet the threshold criteria (outlined in Section 6.a. of PIH Notice 2023-09; slide 7) are eligible to submit a Registration on Interest.

PHAs that do not currently administer the HUD-VASH program do not have to meet the threshold requirements outlined in Section 6.a and are eligible to submit a Registration of Interest if the threshold requirements in Section 6.b. are met.

PHAs must consult with their partnering VA facility to discuss their intentions of submitting a Registration of Interest and request a Letter of Support for HUD-VASH vouchers under the Notice.

PHAs are encouraged to consult with the Continuum of Care (CoC) lead agency to discuss their intention of submitting a Registration of Interest.



# PHA Eligibility



# General Threshold Requirement

The threshold criteria used to determine PHA eligibility is based on HUD-VASH utilization as detailed in Section 6a of this notice.

- **PHAs with 15 or fewer** HUD-VASH vouchers are exempt from the threshold criteria outlined in Section 6a
- **PHAs with an existing HUD-VASH program of less than 25 existing HUD-VASH vouchers**, must have at least a 70% HUD-VASH unit utilization rate
  - (Unit utilization rate will be defined as Voucher Management System (VMS) reported HUD-VASH January 2023 Unit Months Leased (UML) divided by effective HUD-VASH vouchers awarded to date. )
- **PHAs who have initiated the solicitation process to project-base HUD -VASH vouchers** in accordance with 24 CFR 983, that do not meet the general threshold requirement.
  - The PHA's HUD-VASH units "formally identified" for project-based vouchers (PBV) will be removed from the PHA's "total HUD-VASH vouchers awarded to date" denominator when calculating HUD-VASH utilization rate.

# General Threshold Requirement

The threshold criteria used to determine PHA eligibility is based on PHA administrative performance as detailed in Section 6b-c of this notice.

**Section 6b.** PHAs, as required by the Act, must demonstrate the capacity to successfully administer the HUD-VASH program. Therefore, PHAs must not have any major unresolved program management findings from an Inspector General audit, HUD management review, or Independent Public Accountant (IPA) audit for the PHA's HCV program, or other significant program compliance issues that were not resolved, or in the process of being resolved, as determined by HUD, prior to this notice's application deadline. Additionally, applicants must resolve all outstanding civil rights matters to HUD's satisfaction prior to this notice's Registration of Interest deadline, provided that all applicable legal processes have been satisfied.

**Section 6c.** All Registrations of Interest must include a signed Letter of Support from the partnering VA facility.



# 2023 HUD-VASH ROI Process

PHAs must self-identify to HUD their interest in receiving an allocation by following a two-step process:



•Eligible PHAs will respond to this notice via using the hyperlink available at [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/programs/hcv/vash](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/vash). Please note that signed Letters of Support from partnering VAMCs are required and should be uploaded at the time of PHA submission. See Section 7 of the notice for detailed instructions.



•Based on a relative need formula registered PHAs will receive an invitation to apply for a specific number of HUD-VASH vouchers.

\*Please note: The threshold criteria used to determine PHA eligibility is based on HUD-VASH utilization and PHA administrative performance as detailed in Section 6 of the Notice.

# PHAs must consult with their partnering VA facility to discuss their intentions of submitting a Registration of Interest and request a Letter of Support for HUD-VASH vouchers under this notice.

PHAs must register interest using the FY2023 HUD-VASH Electronic ROI form.

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## 2023 HUD-VASH Registration of Interest (Mid-Cycle)

*Note: PHAs awarded FY2022 HUD-VASH vouchers under Notice PIH 2022-26, are ineligible to submit a Registration of Interest under this notice.*

**PHA Information:**

PHA Name:

PHA Code:

PHA Executive Director Name:

PHA Executive Director Email:

PHA Primary Point of Contact (POC):

PHA PoC Email:

PHA Street Address:

PHA City, State:  -- select --

HUD-VASH PBV Exemption: ☐ Yes ☐ No

*PHAs expressing interest under the Project Basing Exception must upload a copy of the correspondence received from [pbvsubmission@hud.gov](mailto:pbvsubmission@hud.gov) in response to the PHA's notification of intent to project base HUD-VASH vouchers documenting review and approval of required information and notice of its intent to project-base HUD-VASH vouchers.*

**VA Medical Center (VAMC) Information:**

VISN:  -- select --

VAMC Station/Facility ID:

VAMC Primary Point of Contact (POC):

VAMC PoC Email:

VAMC Director Name:

VAMC Director Email:

Date of Letter of Support:

- All Registrations of Interest must include a signed Letter of Support from the partnering VA facility which should be uploaded at the time of ROI submission.
- All Registrations of Interest must be submitted no later than midnight in the time zone of the PHA on Friday, June 9, 2023.
- Upon completion, PHAs may print or download a copy of their submission for their records.

# ROI Requirements



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# Allocation Formula

Approximately 11,000 new HUD-VASH vouchers are available to participating communities.

The allocation of HUD-VASH vouchers will be awarded based on a relative need formula using the VA Gap analysis, which incorporates data from the annual Point-in-Time (PIT) count and Housing Inventory (HIC) data using a crosswalk of VAMC and Continuum of Care jurisdictions. This data takes into consideration utilization of existing resources to estimate current and future need at each VAMC.

Consistent with the Act, HUD-VASH funding must be awarded based on geographic need, PHA administrative performance, and other factors specified by HUD.

# Invitation of PHAs

- Selected PHAs will receive an invitation via email to apply for a specific number of HUD-VASH vouchers.
- This number is the maximum number of vouchers being offered. PHAs may choose to apply for fewer vouchers based on the community's need and capacity to administer.



## Conversion to Project Based Vouchers (PBV)

- In accordance with Federal Register Notice (82 FR 5458) all tenant-based HUD-VASH awards can be converted to Project-Based Vouchers (PBV) at any time after award without HUD approval. PHAs are now free to project-base their tenant-based HUD-VASH vouchers as they would any other HCV. PHAs must still ensure the support of their partnering VA facility.
- PIH Notice 2017-21 additionally provides considerations a PHA should contemplate before making the decision to PBV HUD-VASH vouchers.



# PHA Next Steps

- Review the FY2023 HUD-VASH Mid-Cycle Registration of Interest for HUD-VASH vouchers.
- Decide if your PHA is interested and has the capacity to administer HUD-VASH vouchers.
- PHAs are encouraged to consult with your Continuum of Care (CoC) lead agency to discuss your intention of submitting a Registration of Interest.
- Consult with your partnering VA facility to discuss intentions of submitting a Registration of Interest and request a Letter of Support for HUD-VASH vouchers.
- Complete the FY2023 HUD-VASH Electronic ROI Form available on the HUD-VASH webpage in accordance with the guidelines outlined in the notice by midnight in the time zone of the PHA on Friday, June 9, 2023.

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# Contact Us

Questions, Comments, Concerns, Suggestions?

Email questions to:

[VASH@hud.gov](mailto:VASH@hud.gov)

